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Sir:

Joint inventor, Jacques Debiez, refuses to join in this application for patent. This is a petition requesting that the application may be made by the other inventors, Charles A. Milligan, Michael L. Leonhardt, Stephen S. Selkirk, Thai Nguyen, Steve H. McCown, Michael V. Konshak, Robert Klunker, Gerald O'Nions, Ludovic Duval, and Philippe Y. Le Graverand, on behalf of themselves and the refusing inventor Jacques Debiez.

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Storage Technology Corporation has not attempted to join Mr. Debiez, a French citizen, in the application because Mr. Debiez is also a co-inventor in another application wherein he refused to join in the application, stating he will take legal action if he receives any further correspondence from Storage Technology Corporation. (See email from Jacques Debiez to Stephanie Klepp, Administrative Assistant, dated June 11, 2003, attached as Exhibit A, and email string containing emails dated May 22, 2003, and April 24, 2003, from Florence Melou,

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